

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

HB 528 - SB 1133

March 9, 2021

SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL: Expands applicability of statutes governing the issuance of temporary teaching permits to public charter schools. Removes the ability of the Commissioner of the Department of Education (DOE) to renew a temporary teaching permit under certain conditions. Requires a director of schools or a director of a public charter school to report certain convictions, suspensions, dismissals, or resignations of a teacher holding a temporary permit to the State Board of Education (SBE).

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (004662): Deletes all language after the enacting clause and rewrites the bill such that the only substantive change prohibits the Commissioner of DOE from issuing a temporary permit to teach a physical education class or a course for which an end-of-course examination is required.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Unchanged from the original fiscal note.

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- Tennessee Code Annotated § 49-5-106 authorizes the Commissioner of DOE to issue a temporary permit to teach in an unfilled position in a public school if the LEA is unable to secure a qualified teacher with a valid license for which the position requires; the proposed legislation expands the law to allow the Commissioner of DOE to issue temporary teaching permits for public charter schools; but prohibits the issuance of permits for certain courses and classes. Any fiscal impact associated with such expansion is estimated to be not significant.
- Requiring certain convictions, suspensions, dismissals, or resignations of teachers holding a temporary permit be reported to SBE will not significantly impact the duties of a director of schools or the director of public charter school and can be accomplished within existing resources. Any impact is estimated to be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bojan Savic". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent 'B' and 'S'.

Bojan Savic, Interim Executive Director

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